

## Nixon Speeding Vietnam Withdrawal

### Aiken Steals President's Show

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has speeded up almost by half the rate at which he is pulling U.S. troops out of South Vietnam, says Sen. George D. Aiken, R-Vt.

Aiken, dean of Senate Republicans, said the accelerated troop withdrawal rate of 18,000 a month has been in effect for the past two weeks and will be announced formally Wednesday when Nixon addresses the nation concerning the reduction rate.

U.S. troop pullouts have averaged about 12,500 a month since last year.

If the 18,000 a month rate continues, Aiken said, Nixon "would get them all out some time next year. . . I don't think he would leave many behind."

"But for the last two weeks they've been running at not less than 18,000 a month," Aiken asserted.

Aiken spoke in an interview with Metromedia radio news. He predicted Nixon easily will be able to meet the withdrawals deadline proposed by Senate Democrats—January 1973.

U.S. troop strength in Vietnam peaked at 543,400 in April, 1969. It is now about 300,000.

Meanwhile Washington Sen. Henry M. Jackson, hawkish Democratic presidential prospect, said in a separate interview statements by Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird lead him to believe the combat role of U.S. ground forces will end by next year, perhaps even as early as next month.

## Ex-Atty. General Clark Raps Nixon On Calley Case

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark says President Nixon's announcement that he would make the final review for the military of Lt. William L. Calley's My Lai murder conviction was "inherently disrespectful of the law."

He noted that the President has the constitutional power to take such a review, but said the power "should be exercised in a constitutionally attended way—that is, when the judicial system, whether within the military or ordinary civilian courts, has performed its duty."

Calley's civilian lawyer, George W. Latimer, said in Salt Lake City that early action by the President in deciding Calley's fate would help stabilize public opinion.

Latimer, a retired judge of the Court of Military Appeals, said he was encouraged by the President's weekend announcement and hoped Nixon would intervene before the military review begins.

The American Legion of Texas as appealed to the President to set aside the verdict, saying, "Never in the history of the country has one soldier been so individually persecuted while acting in the line of duty."

The Tennessee House and Senate passed separate resolutions calling on Nixon to pardon Calley.

## Expelled BHHS Students Filing Suit In U.S. Court

GRAND RAPIDS — A Wisconsin attorney said he has filed suit in federal district court here seeking a return to school

for a number of students suspended and later expelled from Benton Harbor high school in the wake of a Jan. 15 student riot.



A WALLABY: Seems to be the reaction of "Joker" a 7-foot-tall Belgian draft horse as "Bumper," an 8-month-old, 2½-foot-short Bnenett's Wallaby passes his stall. The animals got together at the Kalamazoo Nature Center where Bumper, a miniature kangaroo native to Australia is to be featured in an animal display. (AP Wirephoto)



FIELD COMPLETED: Mary Elizabeth Deaner was chosen as Miss Sodas of 1971 last night, completing the field of 28 community queens who will compete for the 1971 Miss Blossomtime honor April 19 in Benton Harbor. Miss Deaner, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Deaner, 3403 River road, Sodas. She is a junior at Benton Harbor high school. Story on page 7. (Staff photo)

## U.S. Heartened By 'Soft' Soviet Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House Kremlinologists are heartened that Soviet leaders at the current Communist Party congress indicate they seek a relaxation of international tensions—at least for a period.

A well-placed source said speeches by Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko were notably more conciliatory than Washington had expected.

The White House, he said, had anticipated hard-line speeches on international affairs that would be tailored mainly for Soviet consumption.

He emphasized, however, the remarks at the meeting indicate to White House officials the Soviets may want to "cool it" internationally for the present at least.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS The Soviets face considerable economic difficulties at home and some of their observers here believe this may account for the relatively moderate speeches by Brezhnev and Gromyko.

Brezhnev told the opening session of the party congress last Tuesday that while critical of American "aggressive actions" in Indochina and the Mideast, "We proceed from the assumption that it is possible to improve relations between the So-

viet Union and the United States."

He added that Soviet policy "is consistently and fully to practice the principles of peaceful coexistence, to develop mutually advantageous ties, and to cooperate, with states prepared to do so," including the United States.

Brezhnev's speech was followed later in the week by a statement from Gromyko advising President Nixon to take seriously the party chief's words.

At the moment, Washington is watching a number of fronts on which the Soviets could back up words with deeds: In the Middle East, at four-power talks on the status of Berlin, and at the strategic arms limitation talks in Vienna.

LITTLE HELP SEEN As for Vietnam, officials here expect little help from Moscow in seeking a negotiated peace. Although the Soviets continue sending arms to Hanoi, many question whether they could exert meaningful diplomatic lever.

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WAR WILL CONTINUE But, Jackson said, it is likely the war will continue with U.S. air support from aircraft carriers or from bases in Thailand.

In a separate move on the Senate floor, Sen. Jack Miller, R-Iowa, introduced a resolution calling for complete withdrawal of all U.S. forces from South Vietnam within a year of the final exchange of all war prisoners and the accounting of men missing in action.

Meanwhile, the war continued. An elite South Vietnamese force

staged another commando raid into southern Laos today and attacked a North Vietnamese regiment, South Vietnamese military headquarters announced.

A headquarters spokesman said initial reports from the field showed 15 North Vietnamese were killed and eight tons of enemy rice destroyed along with a ton of foodstuffs.

The spokesman said the raiding force—a company of highly trained Hae Bao, or Black Panther, troops—struck across the border at a point south of Khe Sanh, but did not give a precise location of the target area.

The raiding force, estimated at 200 men, was ferried into Laos by U.S. helicopters.

The Black Panthers returned to South Vietnam before nightfall. There were no reports of any helicopters being hit.

A similar force of Black Panther commandos staged a 26-hour raid last Wednesday and Thursday against a North Vietnamese position in an area south of Khe Sanh and west of the A Shau Valley.

In the latest raid, a Saigon headquarters spokesman said South Vietnamese casualties were light.

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the platform given us for the betterment of society."

## Drug Music Is 'Curbed'

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — "There's a real trend against drug music. It's very encouraging," says Mike Curb, president of MGM Records who deals daily with young musicians.

Curb announced last November that MGM "will not release any records advocating the use of drugs" or "knowingly sign any hard drug acts to the label regardless of their commercial potential."

He was motivated, he says, by the drug-related deaths of rock stars Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin.

That's changing, he says. For one thing, the Federal Communications Commission has warned broadcasters against playing records which may "promote or glorify the use of illegal drugs."

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## Celebrated, Controversial Composer Stravinsky Is Dead At Age 88

By MARY CAMPBELL

AP Music Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Igor Stravinsky, the most influential composer of the 20th century, died of an apparent heart failure, today at his Fifth Avenue apartment. He was 88 and had been in failing health for the past several years.

Stravinsky had suffered several minor "arterial strokes" since 1967 and was in Lenox Hill Hospital for treatment of a pulmonary edema in March.

He was released from the hospital "in good condition" last Tuesday and moved then from his previous quarters at the Essex House Hotel to the new apartment on Fifth Avenue.

AT HIS SIDE With him at his death were his wife, Vera, his associate, Robert Craft, and his personal manager, Miss Lillian Libman.

He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Milena Maron of Los Angeles; and two sons, Soulima, a pianist who lives in Illinois, and Theodore, a painter, of Geneva, Switzerland.

The composer remained controversial as well as celebrated over the last 60 years, with a constant capacity to disturb and astonish listeners.

BORN IN RUSSIA Stravinsky, who was born June 18, 1882, near St. Petersburg, Russia, flashed to the attention of the musical world in 1910 with the performance of "The Firebird" in Paris.

An unknown of 27, Stravinsky was commissioned by Serge Diaghilev of the Ballets Russes to write the score for a ballet based on a Russian legend. After "The Firebird" premiere, Diaghilev said:

"Mark him well. He is a man on the eve of celebrity."

The following year, Stravinsky wrote the score for the ballet "Petrouchka" for Diaghilev. In 1913 he wrote for him "The Rite of Spring," score even more boldly polytonal than the other two, with intricate rhythmic innovations and explosive dissonances.

NEARLY CAUSED RIOT "The Rite" nearly touched off a riot at its premiere in Paris. The savage primitiveness of the music led listeners to beat on each other with canes and downed out the orchestra with boos and catcalls. Stravinsky fled out of the theater through a backstage window.

By the next year, however, when "The Rite" was repeated, it scored a triumph and was hailed as a break with the sentimental, romantic past.

Pierre Boulez, the French composer-conductor who has been named music director of the New York Philharmonic, says "One finds in it (early Stravinsky music) a point of departure for a new conception of rhythms and esthetics. In general, the work of Stravinsky has been indispensable in the establishment of contemporary language and style in music."

He also said that present policies of the Niles Star will be continued and that no personnel changes are currently contemplated.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed except the agreement contains an option to purchase Star real estate.

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THE HERALD-PRESS Editorial Page

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It Would Be Fun To Be In Chicago Today

Risky as it is to predict election results, as some professional pollsters have to confess every so often, it seems safe to say that Richard J. Daley should win an unprecedented fifth term today as Chicago's mayor.

Leaders in both parties don't think he will match 1967's knock-out blow of 74 per cent of the total vote, but accord him a comfortable victory margin.

In the same breath they feel his opponent, Richard E. Friedman, will give Daley a hard run for his money.

The two men present an interesting contrast.

Friedman at 41 looks more like 31. He is a liberal Democrat of the Stevenson-Kennedy stripe from a background more Republican than anything else.

He is a former prosecuting attorney and the executive director of the Better Government Association, which the Hon. Daley, in all truth can say is a GOP spy camp out to retire him from city hall.

Friedman has the Republican endorsement but none of the money which is supposed to be a GOP trademark. He is running, literally speaking, a shoestring campaign.

Also supporting Friedman is the Rev. Jesse Jackson, founder of Operation Breadbasket, the Chicago Negro community's economic offense.

A friendly circuit judge, a Daley appointee in his earlier days on the bench, pitched Jackson out of the campaign as an independent candidate weeks ago. He ruled Jackson's nominating petitions failed to reach the quota required by Illinois law. Jackson declined to pursue the legal battle because of time working against his campaign.

Friedman's chance for success or a respectable showing depends on his ability to weld three vote groups having little in common, the Negro wards, the liberals and what few regular Republicans are still alive within the city limits.

Daley's major asset is his organization and his incontro-

vertible ability to get things done.

At 68, the Hon. Richard J. presents a record few officeholders can match.

To the best of our recollection he lost only one race, the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Cook county back in the late '30s or early '40s.

Except for this failure to the almost forgotten Nash-Kelly machine, from which he gained more in experience than what he failed to obtain from the ballot box, Daley has been a consistent winner.

He has survived four Presidents, four Governors and four challengers to his job.

Though Chicagoans pay a high price by way of outrageous property taxes to keep Daley in charge of city hall, most of them have shown little inclination to trade him for a new face.

Two reactions account for this. There is a feeling of him being civic minded first and partisan interested second; that he operates on the premise that what is good for Chicago can not help but be good for the Democratic party rather than the other way around.

Secondly, he invokes a confidence that while it might be embarrassing to ask many of the mayor's associates as to the sources of their income, the Hon. Daley is Puritanical in his personal honesty. Unlike his predecessors in city hall, he is not lining his own pocketbook.

So, while it costs way beyond what it should to run the city with Daley's payroll machine, the belief abounds that, if nothing else, at least something gets done each day.

This leaves the question of what will things be like when Daley departs the scene.

Is there anyone standing in the wings sufficiently able to carry on in the Chicago tradition? Or will Daley's machine come apart before the new driver can take the wheel?

There has been speculation that Daley gave some thought to grooming a Crown Prince and then dismissed it. Ed Dunne, his handsome, handpicked chairman of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, was mentioned in recent years as a nominee to that purpose. Daley's pronouncement to his party caucus that he chooses to succeed himself somewhat pricks that trial balloon.

Unless Friedman pulls off an upset today, the answer more likely will not come until Daley's hands no longer hold the reins.

Two fermenters work against a Daley type operation surviving its founder.

Although the Stevenson or liberal faction in Illinois has had to make peace with Daley, this closure is a surface thing. Friedman's candidacy evidences this mental gap between the new people and the "back of the Yards" outlook from which Daley springs.

The Negro bloc, now 35 per cent or so of Chicago's population, represents another equation which will be extremely tough to resolve. Though the Negro wards have gone along with Daley, accommodation is not an enduring cement.

Both possibilities are disturbing to the "back of the Yards" man who still represents the majority ballot strength in Chicago.

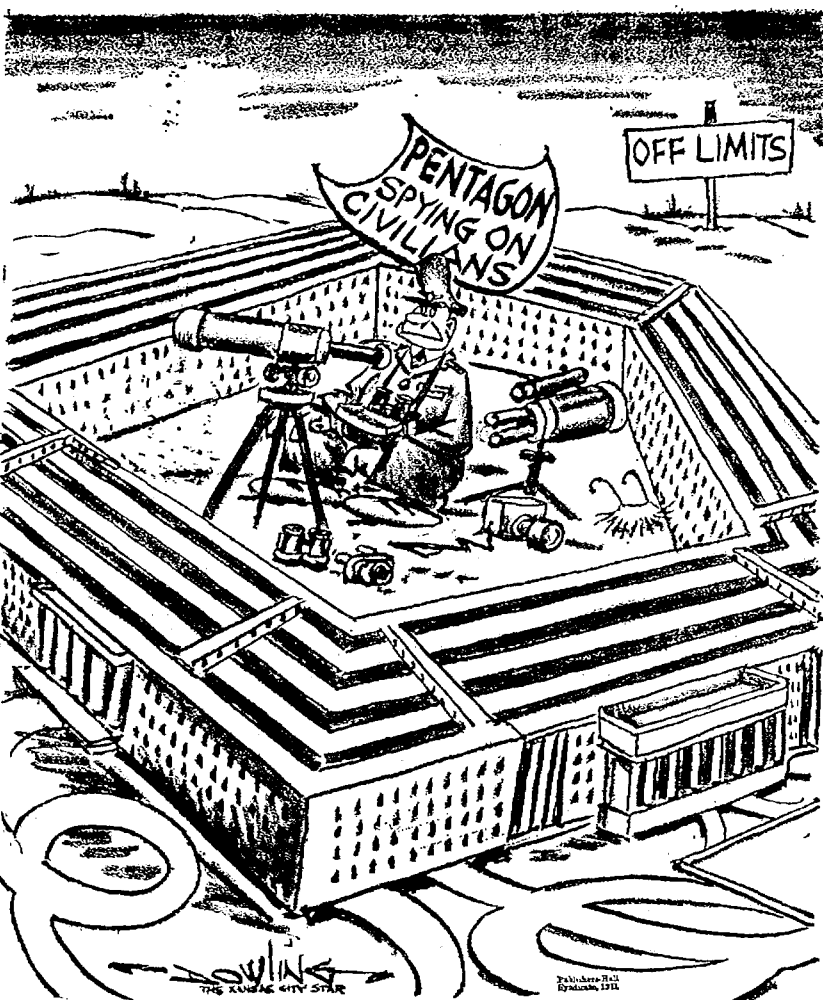
While realizing Daley can't last forever, the inclination is to put off his departure for as long as possible. It is this sentiment which should carry him through today.

The Banquet Circuit

To be a fine public speaker is to be in great demand. A man who can leap to his feet at the drop of a chairman's glance and proceed to enthral an after-dinner audience by the sheer brilliance of his oratory, the originality of his jokes, and the timeliness of his topics is a man to be envied.

It isn't necessary to hear the same speaker over and over. There are enough speakers to go around. If there were as many worthwhile topics as there are speakers, all would be well with the banquet circuit.

CONFINED TO THE POST



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BUDGET IS APPROVED

St. Joseph township citizens approved a \$517,000 budget—\$171,000 over last year—at the annual meeting reflecting increasing urbanization of the suburban community.

Most of the increase is for water, sewers and drains. The two dozen residents and board members present approved a resolution putting a one-mill special tax for police protection on the Aug. 4 ballot. The current police protection tax expires after this year.

NEAR FINAL SPACE TESTS

The long-range countdown may be quickening for the three mercury astronauts who are first in line for space travel.

In about two weeks they will undergo tests in a giant centri-

fuge—a whirling device which will expose them to the same acceleration forces one of them will endure when he is rocketed into space.

SLAVS SEAL BORDERS

Yugoslav relations with Germany ebbed swiftly today and the Balkan kingdom appeared on the verge of war.

Government circles declared gravely that the "zero hour" had arrived a neutral diplomat with a close government connections asserted "the diplomatic stage has ended," with the "new stage" just a matter of days or hours away.

MOVE TO FARM

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Koebel have moved from Royalton to their newly purchased farm in Ononoko township.

CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Frederick Upton was hostess to the Poetry club at her home in the Crawford apartments and was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. John Preston.

MEET PRESIDENT

Editor and Mrs. E. Wm. Moore of Benton Harbor were presented today in Washington to President Taft.

TO THE ISLANDS

F. W. Sesser, the artist, has secured a contract for photographing all the principal places of interest in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Sesser expects to sail for the Islands from San Francisco about the first of June and will return by way of Japan.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

A South African lay preacher predicts that floods, droughts and other disasters will hit that country if the hot pants fashion catches on there. We consider the new fad interesting but not that Earth shaking.

It's predicted there'll be a record 2.3 million marriages this year. Obviously, Dan Cupid won't be eligible for unemployment compensation.

In 1660, according to historians, the eastern end of Long Island was very important cattle-raising country. Guess that must have been as far East as the Wild West ever got!

That famous scary 1938 H. G. Wells-Orson Welles "War of the Worlds" radio program has been sold to 300 radio stations for rebroadcast next Halloween. What scares us is that no local station may use it.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Play producer Charles Frohman once was mailed an atrocious play script, enclosed with a meticulously worded letter written in longhand by the aspiring playwright. Frohman, hoping to let the latter down as painlessly as possible, notified him, "Your play is hopeless, but we're living serious consideration to producing your letter."

Douglas Watts, a columnist by profession, but obviously a naturalist by inclination, insists that there's one kind of owl — "the large, spotted owl" — that differs from other owls in that it is "careless and barks like a dog." I could find no verification in the encyclopedia, but I did find that there are 325 different kinds of owls hooting their way along in various parts of the world, so I'm willing to give Mr. Watts the benefit of the doubt.

Incidentally, William Service has written a book called "Owl" that will give you a new insight into the wiles and accomplishments of these wise old birds.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

I am crippled and old, but I don't complain. I'm grateful for the years of health I have had. I now wear a hearing aid which brings me great joy, but I just cannot afford the expense of batteries every three or four days.

I have to choose between not hearing and this difficult expense. Have you any suggestion?

Mrs. R. M. P., N.Y.  
Dear Mrs. P.: I have heard this complaint many times and must confess that it infuriates me. People on such limited budgets as yours should not be forced to pay an additional penalty for their infirmity.

It's inconceivable to me that we can send men to the moon but we can't produce a battery for a hearing aid that will last for months, if not years.

I understand, however, that there are manufacturers devoting themselves to making such a battery.

In the meantime, why don't you apply for some form of social assistance so that you will not be deprived of the benefits of hearing?

Is it harmful to give a young child a pacifier? It has caused a great deal of conflict in our family because I permit it.

Mrs. A. J., Ga.  
Dear Mrs. J.: Pediatricians, physicians, and psychologists

generally agree that pacifiers can be soothing to young children, and cause no harm. If a pacifier is used, be sure it is well made, with parts that can be kept clean, and without possibility of breaking and becoming detached in the child's mouth.

At what intervals are small-pox vaccinations given to keep up immunization?

Mr. W. U., Utah  
Dear Mr. U.: Some people maintain their immunity for many years, and even for a lifetime, with a single vaccination.

However, because there is no way of being sure, the U.S. Immigration Department stipulates that every citizen returning from abroad show evidence of vaccination within the last three years.

If a vaccination "takes," it means that your immunity was low. If it doesn't take, it means that your immunity to smallpox is high.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Muffle a sneeze in your handkerchief. Don't suppress it by pressing your nostrils.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester I. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		WEST		EAST	
♠ 9 8 3	♦ K 7 6	♠ J 10 7 4	♦ 10 5	♠ 6	♦ Q 9 4 3 2
♣ A K Q J 7 4	♥ A 8	♣ A K Q 10 6 3	♥ 9	♣ 8 5 3 2	♥ J 9 7 2
					♠ 10 6

The bidding:  
South 1♠ 2♦ 3♣ 4♦  
West 2♥ 3♠ 4♥  
North 3♥ 4♠ 5♥  
East Pass

Opening lead—king of diamonds.

There are no two ways about it: Bridge is a tough game. There are so many things to think of and so many different ways to go wrong that absolute perfection is something everyone can dream about but never quite reach.

South failed to make the slam — but he should have made it. He overlooked a play that others would also have missed, but almost everybody would agree that it was the right play. He ruffed the diamond lead in dummy, played a spade to the ace, ruffed another diamond

returned to his hand with a heart and cashed the K-Q of trumps, learning of the 4-1 trump division. He then started to run the clubs, hoping to discard his diamonds, but West ruffed the second club and cashed two diamonds to put the contract down two.

Where did South go wrong? When he led the eight of spades to the ace at trick two. Instead, he should have played his deuce on the eight in order to guard against the possibility of four trumps in either opponent's hand. Had he done this, he would have made the slam easily.

In the actual case, West would win with the ten but find himself completely stymied. Dummy's nine of spades would stand guard against a further diamond lead, and with any other return South would simply draw trumps and claim the rest.

The argument in favor of deliberately losing a trump trick is unanswerable. Anyone to whom the thought occurs is sure to make the play without further ado. The possible 30-point loss that is incurred in the interests of safety is of minor significance.

Instead of scoring 1,430 points for making a slam, South went minus 200. The mishap cost him 1,630 points, but it seems only fair to add that the punishment more than fitted the crime!

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — Give the names of the three daughters of King Lear.
- 2 — Give the names of the Three Musketeers.
- 3 — Give the names of the three Bronte sisters.
- 4 — Give the names of the three Wise Men.
- 5 — Give the names of the three sons of Noah.

YOUR FUTURE

Your fortunes may suffer a setback. A happy romance is shown. Today's child will be a great lover of the arts.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1909, Robert Peary became the first non-Eskimo man to reach the North Pole.

IT'S BEEN SAID

The illusion that times that were better than those that are, has probably persuaded all ages — Horace Greeley.

BORN TODAY

Mimi Benzell was one of those rare Metropolitan Opera performers who made it in show business.

She went from the Met to her own radio show to a starring role in long running Broadway musical before she died last year at the age of 47.

She joined the Met as a lyric coloratura while in her early 20s in 1945 and continued with the opera company for five seasons. She began appearing in supper

clubs in the late 1940s and started a weekly radio program in 1951.

She made her Broadway debut in a feature role in "Milk and Honey," a 1961 musical set in Israel which starred Molly Picon and Robert Weede.

She returned to radio in 1964 to host a daily radio talk show in New York, "The Mimi Benzell Show."

She did not sing at the Met after 1949, but billed herself as a "Metropolitan Opera star." The Met sued her in 1956, claiming she had not been a star there. The Met won the case.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., she moved with her family to Brooklyn when she was 13.

She attended Hunter College before getting a scholarship to the Mannes School of Music.

She married concert manager Walter Gould in 1949 and had two children, a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Jonathan.

She died in Manhasset, N. Y., hospital after a lengthy illness.

Others born today include Alfredo Candia, Lowell Thomas.

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## Pastor Proposes Conflict Management

Conflict management technique used to solve problems between nations and between industry and labor can be used to solve racial problems — at least it could be given a try — Rev. Robert H. Jacobson told Twin City Rotarians Monday.

Rev. Jacobson, pastor of First Congregational church, Benton Harbor, gave a synopsis of a series of three sermons he delivered earlier this year. He spoke yesterday before nearly 130 Rotarians at the St. Joseph Elks dining room.

Of education, Rev. Jacobson said: "We got to use new words. I don't think we can talk about 'equal education' any more. Not equal education but education to make men equal."

He cited the differences in comprehension of pupils from middle-class homes and those from disadvantaged homes. The former, trained to hear orders and in situation differently, retain approximately 60 to 80 per cent of what the teacher says,

he said. The disadvantaged student learns early in life, in cramped quarters, from parents of limited education to shut out all noise. Later in school the disadvantaged youngster shuts out the instruction of the teacher, he stated.

Rev. Jacobson said we need a mechanism in conflict resolution. This is a new field, he said. There is research on international conflict, on family conflict, on management-labor conflict — but no research available on community conflict.

But there is a common base on how conflict is resolved in these other areas which we should be able to adapt to community conflict, he said.

"One of the first things we have to do is accept the inevitability and the necessity of conflict. We have got to stop talking about it as an evil thing. It's unpleasant and bad news but it's inevitable," he said.

"Once we do that we are in a position to manage it," Rev. Jacobson continued. "We do that by institutionalizing it." He cited a labor contract as an example. In international circles it's the United Nations.

"It seems to me," he said, "this is something we have to do too."

"I think we might do something as incredible as forming a united nations, with block clubs. I think some day we're going to have to form a committee and perhaps hire some sociologists or psychologists who is trained in this field. That committee is going to watch out for signals and use the management conflict techniques to get at these signs of unrest and trouble before they blow up and become unmanageable."

Rev. Jacobson said the united nations concept would have block clubs and a general assembly which would meet periodically and representatives would come back to thrash out matters of conflict.

Rev. Jacobson said a group of 10 ministers is meeting regularly, five blacks and five whites. Their first project is to exchange pulpits. The project is designed to build trust among people.

He hopes from this step to continue on to other successes in racial cooperation.

Approval of building permits highlighted St. Joseph township board meeting last night, one for a gas station, another for a tavern and a third one for a church.

Officials of the First German Baptist church to be located on Oakwood drive in Jordan View subdivision off Lincoln avenue were granted a permit after reviewing plans with township trustees. The church, to be built in a residential area, "was granted a special use permit."

The meeting was presided over by Trustee Edwin Brink in the absence of vacationing Supervisor Orval L. Benson.

The board also granted a permit for electrical work in repair of Chickhaven restaurant and granted another permit for remodeling the building damaged by fire last month.

A permit for a service station was issued to Gerald Hoge for Clark Oil Co. to be located at the triangular site at Woodward and Empire at the St. Joseph township-Benton Harbor city limits.

The board formally approved the free trash pickup scheduled for Saturday, April 24. At that time St. Joseph township residents can take any trash to the North Berrien landfill and regular charges will be absorbed by the township.

The township board will meet with Berrien County Road commission 9 a.m. April 23, to discuss highway repairs and developments in the township.

Motor scooters using an Indiana & Michigan Electric service road were the target of complaints of residents in the Vineland area. The township board took the complaint under advisement.

Three Twin City area students have been named to the Dean's List at Aquinas college, Grand Rapids. To be named to the Dean's List a student must earn a 3.75 average of a possible 4.0.

On the list are: Michael S. Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barry, Jr., 2424 River Bend drive, Fairplain; Kathleen M. Horon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Horon, 681 Lake street, Bridgman, both freshmen; and Patricia A. Rock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Rock, 310 Kingsley avenue, St. Joseph, a senior.

PATIENT  
THREE OAKS — Mrs. Orville Kiernan has been admitted to Buchanan community hospital.

## BH Officials Reveal Plans For Massive Spring Clean-Up Drive

Benton Harbor city officials last night unveiled plans for a massive spring clean-up drive.

Simultaneously, it was announced that teachers and students at Seely-McCord school will undertake a project of cleaning up litter along Ox Creek.

City Manager Don Stewart said the clean-up campaign by the city will run for two weeks, beginning the week of April 18.

Stewart said during these two weeks, residents may put out for pick-up all items not wanted — old bedsprings, washing machines and similar items, in addition to the usual trash.

Stewart emphasized that residents during these two weeks are asked to put out the old items only the regular pick-up days for their respective neighborhoods.

NO CHARGE  
Stewart also stated that between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on

Saturday, April 24, and Saturday, May 1, residents may take any unwanted items to the sanitary landfill, without charge.

Stewart said the citizens must identify themselves as citizens of Benton Harbor and sign a log book at the landfill site. He said the landfill on these days will accept anything from citizens.

The student project was announced by Mrs. James Fair, Jr., of 638 Buss, avenue, a neighborhood block workers involved in the project.

Mrs. Fair said the Ox Creek project will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22-24. She noted that April 22 is Earth day. Mrs. Fair said teachers and students will pitch in to remove litter along the creek, from Britain to Highland avenues.

Stewart and Mrs. Fair outlined the respective plans during Monday's regular city commission meeting.

APPROVE PLAN  
Commissioners in other matters approved the dental program, advanced by the Model Cities program and also approved a plan by Model Cities to hire a consulting firm to evaluate the first year's programs under Model Cities.

The dental program is one of 13 basic programs to be undertaken during the first year.

As to evaluation, Ben Davis, Model Cities director, said the office of Housing and Urban Development requires that minimum of 3 per cent of its \$1,340,000 grant to the local programs be spent for evaluating results at the end of the year. All Model Cities steps must be approved by the city commission and Benton township board of trustees, because the programs are in the city and township.

The commission voted to take bids to demolish a derelict, vacant house at 325 Park street. Commissioner T. Gregory Longpre said owners of the house waived a public hearing on the matter.

OKAY CERTIFICATES  
Approved were certificates of completion on five properties, signifying acceptance of work done on the properties acquired under urban renewal. The properties are owned by Twin City Leasing Co., Harzel and Sue B. Taylor, Benton Harbor Building authority (the new public library site), West Michigan Electric Co. and Twin Cities Glass Co., Inc.

Referred to committee was a request by six organizations to hold a sidewalk parade Saturday, April 24, from Hall park to Riverfront park, where a rally would be held. The parade would begin at 11:30 a.m. and the rally would end at 3:30 p.m.

No purpose for the parade on sidewalks and rally was stated in the request, signed by Greg Hausler of 830 Paw Paw. Against Repression. Other sponsors listed are Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Welfare Rights Organization, Berrien County Draft Information service, Lake Michigan college draft union and Student Mobilization committee. The parade would move from Hall park along Highland to Third, along Third to Main, and west on Main to the park.

In answer to other questions, he said the state Supreme Court's ruling on free textbooks and supplies cost the district \$70,000 this year.

Most of the residents and C. Alan Robertson, chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, recommended more communication between the board and residents before the next election.

One woman asked the board to distribute sheets with figures on where and how money is spent. A student also said her fellow classmates would be glad to help out by writing information letters before another election.

Firemen Douse SJ Grass Fire  
St. Joseph firemen yesterday between noon and 12:50 p.m. extinguished a grass fire on the lake front bluff between the 2500 and 2800 blocks of Lake Shore drive and the C&O railroad tracks.

Commission Has 6-Minute Meeting  
In a six-minute meeting last night, St. Joseph city commissioners approved the week's bills totaling \$6,826.58. No further business was on the agenda due to the absence of Commissioner Frank Smith and Mayor E.H. (Duke) Ehrenberg.



DOING THEIR BIT: Santee Sanders (left) of Benton Harbor and Bob Krieger of Coloma, patients at Shoreham Terrace St. Joseph convalescent home wield hammers to flatten tin cans as part of recycling program getting underway in Twin Cities area. The home has quantity of tin cans and there will be enough to keep patients busy for several hours each week. Other patients used wheelchairs to compact cans. Recycling campaign is sponsored by United for Survival, a citizens' environmental group. (Staff photo)

## Hanley Elected To Commission

Voting Light In St. Joe Election



JOSEPH HANLEY

Joseph Hanley, president of Vail Rubber Works, was elected without opposition to the St. Joseph city commission Monday.

Hanley received 139 votes as only about 2 1/2 per cent of the city's 5,134 registered voters went to the polls. There were no other issues on the ballot.

Hanley succeeds Atty. Richard Globensky who did not seek re-election. The term is three years.

City Clerk Charles J. Rhodes said cost of the election was about \$800 or \$5.95 a vote. Heaviest balloting was the seventh precinct, Jefferson school, where 30 votes were cast. Lightest was the fourth precinct, Washington school, with four votes.

## Follows Father Into Correctional Work

Clark T. Johnson of St. Joseph last week became a parole and probation agent for Berrien county adults, as his father had been for 14 years for Berrien county juveniles.

Young Johnson, 24, of 521 LaSalle avenue, St. Joseph, replaces Robert L. Murphy of Fairplain, who left a Berrien county adult parole and probation post Monday to assume the same duties in Traverse City.

Johnson's father, Robert S. Johnson of St. Joseph, spent 14 years as probation officer and chief probation officer for Berrien juvenile court. He's now an employment training specialist for the Berrien social services department's concerted services unit in Benton Harbor.

Every here the two Johnsons are alike. The son spent the past two years as a caseworker for the county social services department.

He was graduated from St. Joseph high school in 1965, attended Lake Michigan college, and won a bachelor's degree in

## FOR BH JOBS Citizen Questions Hiring 'Outsiders'

A Benton Harbor resident, James L. Murphy of 179 East Britain avenue, last night asked the city commission why many city employees reside outside Benton Harbor corporate limits.

Murphy also questioned the value of the south side fire station now closed because of a money shortage.

Addressing himself to the commission as a citizen, Murphy said more Benton Harbor residents should be hired for city jobs, adding that employees residing outside the city are paid here, while not being taxed by the city. He noted that the number of employees residing outside the limits of Benton Harbor is a majority of the city's payroll.

PUT ON CITY JOBS  
Murphy spoke because city residents will vote a second time on May 24 on a six-mill property tax increase proposition for employee pay increases. While not verbally opposing the proposition, Murphy stressed that city residents should be put on city jobs.

Mayor Wilbert Smith answered that at one time, the city required all its employees to reside inside the city. Smith said this had to be changed, because of the inability of many city residents to pass civil service examinations, leading to the jobs.

Speaking about the southside fire station on East Empire, Murphy reminded that it was originally opened years ago to serve the Fairplain area, expected at that time to be annexed to Benton Harbor. The annexation move failed, Murphy

voiced doubts about the value of the station, adding that he doesn't know of any other city the size of Benton Harbor that has two fire stations. Murphy is employed as a Whirlpool production operator.

MORE COMMENT  
In another citizen comment, Warren P. Mitchell criticized what he termed containment of blacks in specific residential neighborhoods, and a shortage of blacks on decision-making bodies.

Mitchell, who is black, commented on the appointment of Mrs. Esther Kizer, a white, to a Model Cities board by the commission, only to be corrected by Mayor Smith. Smith stated that Mrs. Kizer was named to the Benton Harbor housing commission.

Commissioner Virgil May joined the discussion, saying that if blacks are contained, opponents to this should talk to real estate agents, who, May said, are largely responsible.

May said the neighborhood school concepts means that children attend grade schools nearest their homes. Who resides in the homes is largely determined by the real estate business, May commented. Mitchell is a real estate salesman.

The parking lot gates at the Berrien county courthouse in St. Joseph returned to normal operation Monday after several months of disuse because of winter conditions.

The gates had been left open and not operating to avoid car collisions with gates during winter snow and ice, according to Otto Grau, county administration committee chairman.

Back to normal now, they require special cards, tokens or coins to operate. Tokens are available free to courthouse patrons.

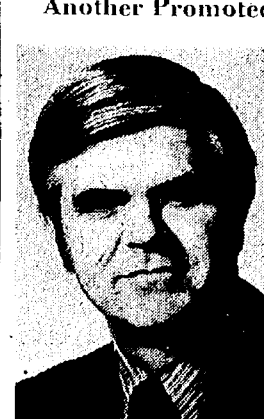
Mrs. Josephine A. Price of 886 Ogden avenue, Benton Harbor, requests the return of a purse stolen from her home yesterday morning.

Mrs. Price said she returned from the basement about 9 a.m. to discover that her purse was missing from the bedroom. Its contents included a checkbook, \$7-10 in bills, and some personal papers. She said there would be no questions asked of the person who returned the items.

CLARK T. JOHNSON  
Like Dad

## Heath Co. Announces 2 Changes

Man Joins Firm; Another Promoted



JIMMY G. LEE



LARRY W. BURKHART

Two organizational changes at the Heath Co. plant in St. Joseph were announced today by David Nurse, president.

Jimmy G. Lee has joined the company as manager for scientific instruments, and Larry W. Burkhart has been assigned full responsibility for the firm's kit production and production control.

Lee was transferred here from the parent company, Schlumberger Limited, New York, where he was technical coordinator for electronics and instrumentation.

At Heath, Lee will be responsible for engineering, production and marketing of the scientific instrument product lines. These products, fully assembled at the factory, include digital, spectrophotometric, test and general purpose instruments, and are used widely by educational, industrial and governmental organizations.

A graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology in electrical engineering, he also received a master's degree there, and joined Schlumberger as a design engineer at Houston in 1960. He and his wife and son reside at

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2727 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph.

Burkhart, who started with Heath as manager of production in 1970, will report in his new capacity to C. A. Schwab, director of operations.

A native of Indiana, Burkhart received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Evansville. Before joining Heath, he was with Stromberg Datagraphix in San Diego, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart and their three children have established residence in Stevensville.

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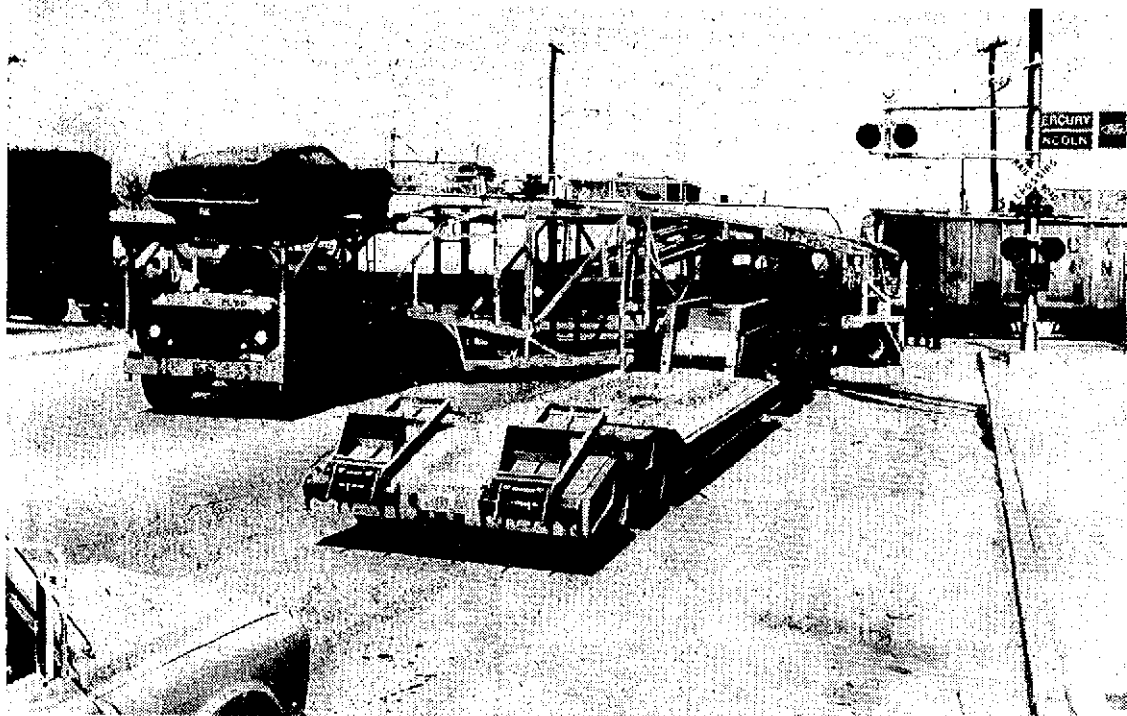
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**TRAIN VS. TRUCK:** There were no reported injuries but traffic was blocked almost two hours Monday afternoon when the rear of a 65-foot auto carrier was struck by a train at the C&O rail crossing on Main street, Watervliet. City police reported damage to the carrier, to the train's diesel engine and to a second semi-truck hit by the auto carrier as it swung around from the impact. All were disabled. Kenneth E. Hall, 40, of Coldwater, driver of the auto

carrier, told police he stopped at the crossing and started across when he did not see an approaching train. He received a ticket citing failure to yield right of way. Police said the accident occurred just after the carrier made a delivery at Rogel auto dealers (right across tracks). A single new car atop the carrier was not damaged, police said. (Wall Redman photo)

## School Tax Approved By Voters In Covert

**COVERT** — A proposal to renew an eight-mill levy over three years for operating funds at Covert schools was approved by voters 345 to 297 Monday.

Unofficial vote tallies show 642 ballots were cast, 71 of which were absentee ballots. The levy will produce \$312,000 yearly and was sought to maintain the existing educational program.

The election resulted in a challenge being prepared against the absentee ballots by a group promoting passage and was carried out during an organized demonstration by school students urging adoption of the proposal.

An election worker said three or four of the students actually entered the voting place during the daylong program, but they left after walking through it.

**CHALLENGING BALLOTS**  
Mrs. James Boston, president of a women's service group — Founder's 69 — announced that her group would challenge the absentee ballots before the board of education.

The group, which supported the passage of the renewal vote, is challenging the residency of the voters and the age requirements of those who cast absentee votes.

Mrs. Fred Winans, the group's campaign vote chairman, said her club knows of senior citizens, who voted by absentee ballot, who were "very sick and unable to make proper judgments but one man helped them by marking their ballots for them."

She said this man, who she declined to identify, has "helped" the elderly citizens "mark" their ballots in previous elections and her group feels this could cause an "unfair election."

"We checked with some of the senior citizens we know and they told us they couldn't remember how they voted but a man bringing the ballots to their homes had instructed them how to vote," Mrs. Winans said.

She added that other voters, who voted by absentee ballot,

were seen in Covert Monday. "If they have to use absentee ballots, why were they here? Many of them were younger adults too, about 30 years old. Why should they need an absentee ballot?" she asked.

Mrs. Winans said Founder's 69 was behind the school millage renewal and for better schools in Covert. "We worked hard to get people registered and to urge a big voter turnout. We want an election done right, not unfairly."

She said the group's challenge would be presented before the school board at its next meeting because it was a school-sponsored election. The election was held in the township hall.

Dr. Lewis Wood, superintendent, said he was very pleased with the election results and Emory Crawford, board president, expressed his thanks to parents and other citizens for turning out to vote.

In answer to citizen's questions on why school children were allowed to demonstrate on the main street of Covert during

the election, Mrs. Vincent Brown, a school board member, said the experience of observing school elections was one of the best ways for a government class to learn about government.

"The 20 some high school students were at all times supervised by their teachers," she said.

The students marched across the street from the polling, some carrying signs and chanting for a "yes" vote. Election officials said the students were "peaceful but loud."

"We want to make people aware and cognizant of the voting process. Our purpose is to encourage voting, not to discourage it," said W. Harold Macon who said he helped organize the demonstration as part of class activities. Macon is a social studies and government teacher in the school.

Ken Wiebeck, a special skills instructor at the school, said a number of adults stopped among the students "... and encouraged us."

## Bloom'dale Students Honored

For Academic Achievements

**BLOOMINGDALE** — Melvin Steward Dickerson is valedictorian and John Peter Stassek salutatorian for the 1970 Bloomington high school graduating class.

Mrs. Earl Hyde, guidance counselor made the announcement.

Melvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dickerson of Bloomington. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and has participated in the junior and the senior plays, football, basketball, baseball and the Varsity club. He will attend Kalamazoo college.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stassek of Bloomington. He is a member of the National Honor Society, senior representative to Student commission, Chess club, Electronic club, participated in the junior play and designed the Bloomington Centennial seal. He will attend Central Michigan university.

Other Bloomington high school students graduating with academic honors will be Nola Ann Leedy, Kurt Franklin Pugh, Kenneth Alan Horton, Joseph James Jalbert, Deborah Jean Awe, Susan Ann Lackey, Kathy Jean Haynes, Pamela Sue Blackman and Dawn Gail Tracey.



MELVIN DICKERSON  
Valedictorian



JOHN STASSEK  
Salutatorian

## Buchanan Names Top Graduates

Valedictorian To Study Music

**BUCHANAN** — Fred Weldy has been named valedictorian and Rudy Lund, salutatorian of the 1971 graduating class at Buchanan high school.

Donald Trull, high school principal, announced the top two students.

Fred is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale R. Weldy, Redbud Trail north, Buchanan, and Rudy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lund, 415 Walnut street, Buchanan.

Weldy plans to attend the University of Michigan and study music.

**ACTIVE IN SCHOOL**

He has served as president of the Future Teachers of America club for two years, was president of the varsity band for two years and played in the band and orchestra for four years. He has also been a member of the drama, Spanish, glee and ski clubs and the student council. He attends the Church of Christ and is a member of the Omegan Youth choir and Omegan youth group of the church.

Lund plans to attend Purdue university and major in aeronautical engineering. He is a member of the Velmorian Literary society and last year won an honor award for a short story he wrote. Also active in the Latin and Spanish clubs, Rudy was a delegate to the National Youth Conference on the Atom held last fall in Chicago, Ill. He is employed part-time at the Buchanan Metalform plant.

The two boys will be among 37 honor students of the senior class who will be guests at the annual honor's banquet set for April 28 at the Pickwick club, Niles, that is being hosted by the Buchanan College club.



FRED WELDY



RUDY LUND

## Gobles Fire Kills Calves

**GOBLES** — A fire on the Howard Ketchum farm on M-40 just south of here destroyed the barn and killed six calves inside.

The Gobles fire department was called to the scene about 4 p.m. Sunday. The calves reportedly died of smoke inhalation.

## CITY COUNCIL

## Newcomers Win In South Haven

**BANGOR** — One newcomer and two incumbents were elected to the city council in

Monday's annual election here. John Van Strien, a Bangor businessman seeking his first term on the council, was the top vote-getter with 201 votes.

Re-elected for two year terms were incumbents Elmer Goss, with 191 votes, and Leonard Bartlett, with 187 votes. Both were chosen to their second terms as councilmen.

Defeated were incumbent Doyle Disbrow with 91 votes and Scott Kempinski, a newcomer who polled 68 votes.

Goss is semi-retired from the Goss construction company. Disbrow works at the administrative offices of Du-Wel Metal Products, Bangor.

The turnout was 255 of some 700 registered voters.

The three winners joined three members re-elected to the council last April. They are Robert Weber, Angelo Rigozzi and Joseph Distefano.

## SCHOOL PROBE PLANNED

**LANSING (AP)** — House Speaker William Ryan D-Detroit Monday announced creation of a special House of Representatives subcommittee to study school-community relations in urban areas, concentrating on Detroit and Flint.

## Berrien Springs Lets Sewage Plant Contract

**BERRIEN SPRINGS** — The village council last night awarded a \$578,000 contract to the H. DeWulf Mechanical construction company, Mishawaka, Ind., to expand the sewage treatment plant. The bid was lowest among 11 received on the work March 29.

Required by a state Water Resources commission order, the project is to be financed through a state-federal grant of \$271,850 and a village portion covering the balance and incidental costs.

Work is expected to start once the Berrien county Public Works board sets in motion the sale of bonds to raise the funds to cover the village share.

In other areas, the council voted to order \$500 worth of fireworks to be used in the American Legion July 4 celebration.

Also approved was purchase of \$1,000 worth of supplies from the Baroda lumber company for paneling the police and community rooms and lowering the

ceilings in the village hall. Village employees are to do most of the work.

The Lions club was granted permission to sell White Cane Tags during the week of April 18 to 24.

## Three Oaks, County Will Talk Roads

**THREE OAKS** — Township officials last night said they would meet with the Berrien county road commission April 21 to review road improvement plans for the township in 1971.

The trustee board also said work of the supervisor's office and clerk's office in the township hall would be completed this year.

## School Merger Defeated

Fennville, Saugatuck Voters Differ

**FENNVILLE** — A proposal to merge the Fennville and Saugatuck school districts was defeated for the third time Monday.

Voters in the Fennville district rejected the proposal 686 to 434.

Saugatuck voters balloted 524 to 393 in favor but a majority in both had to approve to bring about the merger.

The outcome reversed the roles of voters in the two districts from 1970 balloting on the same question. Then, Saugatuck voters rejected the plan while Fennville residents approved. Voters in both districts rejected the plan in the first balloting in 1961.

Efforts for the latest merger attempt began after officials in both school districts were encouraged by state education officials to seek a new vote.

**OPPOSITION DEVELOPED**  
Opposition to the proposal developed in the late stages of the campaigning when a trio of Fennville district residents sponsored an advertisement calling for a "no" vote. The advertisement was carried in a shopper circulated in both districts.

Opponents said approval would cost the districts their identities, create the possibility of inefficiency because of large size and cause a duplication of buildings and equipment.

Proponents of the merger said the consolidation would permit development of a broader academic and vocational education program and a better overall educational opportunity for students.

Boards of both districts had recommended that, if the merger was approved, a central high school be built to serve the new district.

Fennville has 1,762 students while Saugatuck has 743. The two districts would have been \$34.7 million.

## South Haven Man Accused Of Rape

**ALLEGAN** — A 26-year-old South Haven man stood mute in circuit court Monday to charges of rape and assault with intent to commit murder filed in connection with the Jan. 25 assault of a 58-year-old woman.

The assault occurred in a rural South Haven home in Casco township, Allegan county.

Appearing before Judge Wendell Miles was Theodore McGoldrick. A plea of innocent was entered in his behalf and he was ordered held in lieu of bonds totaling \$15,000.

McGoldrick was arrested Jan. 27 in Hamtramck and brought to Allegan county after warrants had been issued by the Allegan prosecutor's office.

According to authorities, the woman was sexually assaulted and beaten with a fireplace poker. She received head and internal injuries, they said.



**DEMONSTRATING FOR SCHOOL:** Covert students demonstrated Monday while voters were deciding whether to renew eight tax mills for school operations. Ken Wiebeck, wearing glasses in light-colored coat, and Mrs. Barbara Winans, far right, were among school employees accompanying demonstrators. (Staff photo)

## If So. Haven Tax Vote Fails School Board OK's 58 Teacher Cuts

**SOUTH HAVEN** — The teaching staff of South Haven schools will be reduced by 66 persons next year if a 12.5-mill tax levy is defeated May 17.

The board of education last night approved cutting 58 teachers. The action was in accordance with a contract with the South Haven Education association which requires that teachers be given 60 days notice of layoffs before the end of the current school year.

Eight other teachers previously submitted resignations effective at the end of this school year and their positions will not be filled if the millage is beaten again. It lost by 30 votes on March 22.

Sixty-six teachers are about 45 per cent of the district's faculty of 144.

Supt. F. O. Norlin said if the millage proposal passes, the teachers will be invited to renew their contracts. School officials fear, however, that many of the teachers will accept employment with other districts instead of chancing another millage defeat.

## DEFICIT BUDGET

In other action, the board adopted a deficit budget of \$2,502,604. The budget, which was designed around the approval of the proposed 12.5-mill levy, shows expenditures surpassing sources of revenue by \$57,252. If the proposed millage fails, then the board of education will have to trim approximately \$750,000 from its proposed budget.

The budget is only preliminary, according to Norlin and was prepared for presentation to the Van Buren county allocation board. The district received 9.68 allocated mills for the current year.

Norlin reported that the school district has lost \$16,000

because of Gov. William Milliken's state aid cutback. He also indicated that the district may have to borrow funds since it has received only 60 per cent of its state aid allotment in each of the last two months.

The board voted to continue its "open campus" policy for juniors and seniors at L. C. Mohr high school until the end of the school year.

## DISSENTING VOTE

Board member Mrs. Marjorie Johnston cast the only dissenting vote.

The policy, which was designed by the student senate and supported by the administration of the senior high, allows juniors and seniors to leave the school premises during the first and last hour of each school day as well as their lunch period. Students must have their parents' permission to participate.

The program was started in February on a trial basis. A subsequent survey indicated that members of the high school faculty and parents of participating students favored the project. The board at its March meeting received a petition signed by 172 persons that objected.

The board adopted the calendar for 1971-72. School will open next Sept. 7 and dismiss on June 9, 1972.

The board set June 14 for its regular election. The term of board member Harold Wolff is the only seat to be contested.

Resignations were accepted from Miss Anne McNeill of the senior high faculty and Mrs. Joyce Bockock, Edward Bankowski and Mrs. Laurel Burns of the elementary staff. They are effective at the end of the school year.

## AIP Asks Freedom For Calley

The American Independent party of Berrien county is seeking the overturn of a life sentence imposed against Lt. William J. Calley, Jr., convicted of murder in connection with the My Lai incident in Vietnam.

William L. Cobb of Benton Harbor, vice chairman of the party's executive committee, said the party urges "all patriotic Americans to join with Gov. (George) Wallace and our party in urging President Nixon to completely exonerate Lt. Calley."

Party support for Calley was announced in the form of a resolution, calling for Calley's "complete and immediate freedom, the freedom that he fought for."

## Oil Firm Acquires Subsidiary

**ANN ARBOR** — Geotech Oil Corporation, with principal offices in Ann Arbor, announced the acquisition of all the stock of Alan E. Charles, Inc., of Richmond, Mich., a developer of land and housing.

Alan E. Charles, Inc. will be operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of Geotech, to develop and market housing in the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek area.

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